

William Coram:
*Charter Member, Clerk,
Messenger and Trustee
of
Union Baptist Church
Thomson, Georgia*

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WILLIAM CORAM **AND UNION BAPTIST CHURCH,** **THOMSON, GEORGIA**

The first handwritten notation in the family history section of the beautiful old Coram family bible states that William Coram, Jr., was born on October 2, 1756. Very little else has been determined about the earliest years of his life. Much more is known, however, about his service in the American Revolution and his later service to the Lord Jesus Christ and to those of his fellow believers who were members of Union Baptist Church of Thomson, Georgia.

In late 1775, as the American colonial revolution against Great Britain loomed, nineteen year-old William Coram joined the 3rd Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army. On May 1, 1777, he was personally selected by General George Washington to serve as a member of the elite Commander-in-Chief's Guard. This group of hand-picked soldiers was responsible for protecting General Washington from both British soldiers and assassins. They were also charged with the responsibility of protecting General Washington's private papers and his personal property.

The Commander in Chief's Guard was also widely known as "Washington's Life Guard." Their uniforms were designed by General Washington himself. They were viewed by their comrades as an elite group and were often referred to as the "flower and pick of the American Army."

William Coram was one of an extraordinarily small number of Continental soldiers who served as a member of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard from the date of the unit's formation on May 1, 1777, until they were disbanded in late 1783 at the end of the war. It appears likely from the available records that only William Coram and one other soldier, Joseph Timberlake, served in the unit for the entire duration of its existence.

The Coram family bible identifies 1783 as the year William married Ann Hodo. Ann's father, Peter Hodo, is named in at least one publication by the Daughters of the American Revolution as also having served the cause of liberty during the American Revolutionary War.

Tax records of Warren County, Georgia, indicate that in 1791 William Coram was the owner of a large parcel of land located near Thomson, Georgia, and at the intersection of modern-day roadways Union Church Road, Foster-Sprouse Road, and Rock House Road. This tract of land is located one mile south of Union Baptist Church on the western side of Union Church Road.

In 1870, the area in Warren County that encompassed both Union Baptist Church and the Coram home place became a part of the newly-formed McDuffie County, Georgia.

In 1809, Union Baptist Church, Thomson, Georgia, was formed. An entry in "**History of McDuffie County, Georgia**" compiled by Mrs. W.C. McCommons and Miss Clara Stovall describes the early history of the church as follows:

"UNION CHURCH. Union Church is located five miles northwest of Thomson, formerly in Warren County. In the year 1808 there came into the minds and hearts of the people of this community a desire to organize a church here, as the nearest church of this faith was Sweetwater about ten miles distant. The interest continued and the following year the church was organized, with twenty charter members. It is fortunate that the records from the beginning are preserved. In the first record book is this – "The names of the members, both males and females that composed the new constitution at the Union Meeting house, Upton's Creek, Jul 29, 1809" – Viz: Nathaniel Thompson, Mark Hardin, James Smith, Hugh Rees, Jacob Smith, **William Coram**, John Wall, Nancy Thompson, Frances Hardin, Mary Farr, Salle Ellis, Jeremiah Larks, Mary Smith, Patsy Smith, Polly Wilson, Elizabeth Lazenby, Christian Smith, Frances Smith, Doracas Wall and Elizabeth Rees. From the time of organization to 1812 the membership grew from twenty to thirty-eight. In 1820, the roll was revised, some had died, some dismissed by letter, some expelled and new ones had joined by experience of grace and other by letter and the membership was fifty-five whites and seven colored. In 1833 the membership was (95) ninety-five. On Feb. 23, 1861, there was a report of membership as follows: thirty males, fifty-nine females, twenty colored, total one hundred and nine.

The first church building was a small log house. On Mar. 22, 1817, the trustees were Michael Cody, **William Coram**, Billington Sanders, Nathaniel Thompson and Robert Walton. Jan. 27, 1821, Henry Gibson was appointed trustee in place of Nathaniel Thompson, deceased. The church was incorporated in 1825 and recorded in Georgia Laws of that year, with the following trustees: B.M. Sanders, Robert Walton, Robert Lazenby, Michael Cody and Jacob entrustees then land on which the house stands, in the hands of Robert Lazenby, viz: Deed from John Vance for two acres, also acknowledgement of an agreement between James Granade and James Thompson, planters and three trustees of the meeting house; also deed from Cary Johnson to said trustees." 5/22/1841, the Church met in conference to plan to build a "new meeting house" and appointed E. Wilson, John F. Johnson, G.W. Hardaway, Timothy Granade, George F. Hardaway, Morris Ansley, John F. Johnson and Elias Wilson. The church was built in 1843 and 1860 it was repaired and enlarged. On Mar. 16, 1860 "made arrangements to repair the house and appointed the following committee: "J.H. Stockton, N.C. Bacon, Josephus Hillman, Anderson Ivy, Fleming Gheesling, E.C. Hardaway and Oliver Ivy." Included in the Minutes is this preamble: "Whereas our friend and neighbor, John F. Johnson has kindly tendered and presented to this church that piece of land forming a part of the grove surrounding the church lot, which adds to our convenience and comfort, be it therefore resolved that our thanks are due and hereby tendered to Mr. Johnson for this liberal expression of said piece of land." June 23, 1860.

Pastors have been: Vincent Tharpe 1809—Jan. 1811; Winder Hillman 1811-1823, died; Jabez P. Marshall 1823-Mar. 1825; John H. Walker 1825-Jan. 1826; B.M. Sanders 1826-1832; Joseph A. Carter 1832-1849; Thomas J. Beck 1849-1854; Wm. P. Steed 1854-Oct. 1856; J.H. Stockton 1856-Nov. 1872; Thomas B. West 1872-Dec. 1875; Wm. H. Verdery 1875-Feb. 1879; Thomas B. West 1879-Dec. 1881; Thomas J. Pilcher Jan. 1882-Sept. 1892; Thomas B. West Sept. 1892-Oct. 1894; A.J. Lazenby 1894-Dec. 1898; John L. Guillebeau Jan. 1899-Nov. 1901; J.M. Atkinson Dec. 1901-Nov. 1906; W.C. Ivey supplied Mar. to Aug. 1907; J.M. Atkinson Jan. 1908-Sept. 1910; Z.M. Leverette Jan. 1911-Sept. 1915; Wm. Kitchens Jan 1916-Dec. 1917; W.F. West Jan. to Sept. 1918; Willis J. Howard Jan. 1919-Feb. 1920; D.A. Howard, R. P. Gill and John J. Guillebeau supplied Feb. to Sept. 1920; James F. Fulghum Sept. 1920-Aug. 1923; R.P.

Gill and C.C. Kiser supplied 1923; W.E. Wood Feb. 1924-Jan. 1925; W.P. Brooks supplied until Sept. 1927; W.J. Stockton May 1929-Oct. 1930; H.O. Fowler supplied 1931.

Deacons have been: Jacob Smith, John Wall, Richard Fletcher, Michael Cody, Wm. Castleberry, George W. Hardaway, James Ricketson, Timothy Granade, Oliver Ivy, Morris Ansley, L.B. Holliman, N.C. Deacon, Felix Granade, Anderson Ivey, Wike W. Ivey, Hillman Pats, S.J. Pate, Milton W. Farr, Sam Ivey.

The church Clerks have been: Nathaniel Thompson 1809-1813; Wm. Coram 1813-1820; B.M. Sanders 1820-Feb. 25, 1825; Robert Fleming 1825-June 1829; Wm. Castleberry 1829-May 1832; Ezekiel Hillman 1832-June 1833; P.B. Monk 1833-Feb. 1836; Elisha P. Bolton Feb. to May 1836; Moses Johnson June 1836-Mar. 1837; Timothy Granade May 1837-1849; Oliver Ivy Dec. 1849-Dec. 1860; N.C. Bacon Dec. 1860-Jan. 1867; C. Granade Mar. 1871-Dec. 1874; James P. Johnson Dec. 1874-May 1875; J.S. Isdale May 1875-Feb. 1876; David Adams Feb. 1876-Nov. 1877; H.C. Ivey Jan. 1878-Sept. 1884; Sterling J. Pate Oct. 1884- Sept. 1894; Carlton V. Ivey Sept. 1893-Nov. 1895; W.H.C. Ivey Feb. 22, 1896-Dec. 1897; Henry S. Davis Jan. 1898-Aug. 1899; B.C. Waller Sept. 1899-Mar. 1915. For a period of six years there was no regular clerk but were appointed protem; Bert Wilkerson Sept. 1921-Jan. 1923; Judie Wade Jan. 1923-date.

This church has ordained six ministers of the Gospel from its membership as follows: Billington Sanders, June 5, 1825; Joshua Hillman, Mar. 21, 1828; Mr. Dunnevant, July 24, 1846; Josephus Hillman, Sept. 26, 1862; Wm. M. Reese and G.A. Davis. L. Levy Ivy and C.A.J. Ivy licensed to preach. Billington M. Sanders prominently mentioned in records of this church went to Pine Grove Church as pastor when that church was organized from Union Church. He became first Pres. of Mercer University and a minister of note. Two other members of Union have become ministers, though not ordained until they were far away from the home church, J. Parks Bacon and W.J. Stockton served as pastor.

On several occasions Union Church has given a good number of members to become charter members of new organizations: June 27, 1829, Brethren Robert Fleming, Joseph Wright, Samuel Gheesling and wife, James Fuller and wife, were dismissed by letters to constitute Warrenton Baptist Church. On June 25, 1831, the church resolved to establish an arm of this church at Pine Grove and on Nov. 16, 1831, granted letters to twenty four members to unite with Pine Grove. Mesnea Church was formed of charter members from Union. Mount Pleasant Church was also organized from Union. The Georgia Association was organized in 1914, Union became a member and it met here in 1843 and 1876. The Kilpatrick Association was organized in 1914, Union became a member and it met here Oct. 1931.

Union Church celebrated its Centennial, the fifth Sunday in October 1909; Rev. B.H. Ivey preached the sermon and gave the history of the church. The cemetery near the Church is not nearly so old as the church, the first grave put here in 1866, for in the early days every family had its own burying ground. We are indebted to Mrs. Kittie Waller Johnson, a faithful member of this church, for assistance in assembling data in regard Union. She is principally responsible for the present good condition of the church building and cemetery; which is beautifully kept, and it is entirely through her care that the old records are preserved."

Photocopies of the early minutes of Union Baptist Church have been made by Mercer University and those copies are stored in the Special Collections Division of the Jack Tarver Library on the campus of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. The copies of the church minutes are available there for viewing both in hardcopy form and on microfilm. Contacts made

with current members of the church confirm that the original minutes are also still in existence and remain in the possession of the church.

The minutes of Union Baptist Church name William Coram as one of the twenty original or charter members of the church when it was formed on July 29, 1809. The church minutes also state that he served as Clerk of the Church from July 24, 1813, through March 25, 1820; that he was selected to represent the church as a Messenger to the Association on August 25, 1815; and that he served as Church Trustee from March 22, 1817, to the date of his death on June 10, 1821.

Following below are selected portions of the early minutes of Union Baptist Church, with emphasis on those minutes that were either handwritten by William Coram or that make specific mention of him and his service to the Union Baptist Church family:

Church Records

1. If any of the Brethren fail to attend conference to the Church privilege to enquire the reason.
2. While sitting in conference no Brother shall absent himself without leave of the Church.
3. When a Brother intends to speak to any matter debated he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.
4. No Brother shall speak more than three times to the same subject without the leave of the Church.
5. When a Brother is speaking he shall not be interrupted except he departs from the subject in debate.
6. If one Brother interrupts another while speaking he shall be reprimanded immediately.
7. There shall be no whispering in time of public service or speech.
8. If a Brother or Sister fails to receive the Lord's Supper he or she ought to let the Church know on the next conference whether the fault was in their selves or others.
9. At the commencement of every conference the proceedings of the last conference shall be read by the Clerk.
10. These rules shall be read at the beginning every conference if required.

to attend there & to inquire the reason

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Conference no person shall absent himself from the business of the Church

When a brother or sister intends to speak to any thing matter on debate he shall arise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator

A brother shall be allowed to speak no more than three times to the same subject within the year of the Conference

When a brother is speaking to any matter in debate he shall not be interrupted Except he departs from the subject on debate

If one brother interrupts a nother who is speaking he shall be according to the fourth Rule be severely reprimanded immediately

There shall be no whispering in view of public service or speech

If a brother or sister shall be found to Revere the Lord's Supper he or she ought to let the Church know at the next Conference whether the fault was in them self or others

That these Rules be read at the beginning of every Conference if Required

At the commencement of every conference the minutes of the last conference shall be read by

Religion we therefore think Right to point out some
particular articles of our faith to this End that we may
of the same mind with Each other that peace Union and
brotherly fellowship may abound amongst us without a Jarr —

We believe there is but one true and Living god a
Trinity in the god head father Son and Holy Ghost and
these three are Equally to be adored Eternal unchangeable
almighty Creator of all Things in Heaven Earth and Sea
visible and invisible preserver of all his Creation and
giver of Every Blessing that is Enjoyed temporal and Spirit
art 2

We believe that god made the first man Adam a pure
and Holy Creature in his own Image placed him in a garden
there gave him a Law of obedience which if he transgressed
he should Die —

art 3

We believe that Adam transgressed and Sinned and there-
fore Spiritually fell under the Curse of the Law of god
Corrupted in his nature the whole Man man and under the curse
of god with out any ability or strength to Recover himself
or doe any thing acceptable in the sight of god —

art 4

We believe that god the father before the world was of
own free Love and favor in his wisdom and for a purpose of
his own glory Devised a way where by he could vent in
to sinners who he Covenanted with his Son and gave him
a people the Son of god Jesus Christ Covenanted and agreed
to Com and doe his fathers will to Com in this Sinful world
be Born of Woman made under the Law fulfilled the Law
and made it honourable Suffered and died and satisfied
Law and justice and brought in an Everlasting
Righteousness for those his father had given him —

We believe that Jesus Christ who died arose from the Dead and his ascended to his Father and sits at the Right of God as Interceder and an advocate for his people whom he hath Redeemed with his own blood

We believe that God has Provided the way appointed the means where by all them he knew in the Covenant of Redemption shall be saved ^{from} their sins quickened by his Spirit and Brought to a saving knowledge of the Truth as it is in Jesus apprehending the Righteousness of Christ by faith imputed to them in which they are and do stand completely justified in the sight of God with out any thing don by them for the free favour and good pleasure of God alone who works all things according to the Counsell of his own will

Art 7

We believe that the Written word of the old and new testament is the Revealed will and word of God and the only Rule of our faith and practice

Art 8

We believe that the Church of Christ is a Congregation of faith full Subjects of grace and that they do believe in Particular Election

Art 9

We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead in the Day which God hath appointed Both of just and unjust

Art 10

We believe that it is by grace we are saved and grace alone that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is his people wisdom Righteousness Sanctification and Redemption that the

We believe that water is a necessary element of
Savour and is Every believers duty to be Baptised and
that By immersion like with the Supper of the Lord
It is a believers duty to Partake of the same that no
believer hath any Right to partake of it because
the word of god For bids It

We believe that It is not Right to Lord it over or
to be a tale Bearer but other will try
to pray with and for one another and Not for Sake the
assembling of our selves to geather as the manner of

We believe that it is Right for Every member to pay
for the Support of the Lords table according to their
several abilities

We believe if our Brother offend or transgress
inadvertantly we ought to take the Rule laid down
Matthew 18, but if Publickly transgress before the Church
Deal openly with him By telling him his fault in
the Spirit of Meekness and Call for a publick
acknowledgement in the Church

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Winder lieman —
Henry Harding —
Jacob Smith or Deacon —
John wall or Deacon —
Richard Fletcher or Deacon —

Nathaniel Thompson C-6

The Names of the Members both of the Males and
 fee Males that Composed the New Constitution at the
 union Meeting ^{Creek} House ^{the} July 29th -- 1809 --

To viz

^{President} Nathaniel Sampson Confession	1
Mark Hardin dead	1
James Smith Dis	1
Hugh Rees	1
Jacob Smith	1
William Coram	1
John wall Dist by Letter	1
Nancy Thompson	1
Francis Hardin	1
Mary Farr Dead	1
Sally Ellis	1
Femimah Marks Dead	1
Mary Smith Dist	1
Petsey Smith Dist	1
Paulley Wilson	1
Elizabeth Lezenba	1
Christian Smith	1
Francis Smith Dist	1
Douglas wall Dist by Letter	1
Elizabeth Rees ¹³	1

added up 20

John Parks Bacon

Dead	Elizabeth Mc Cullars	1
Disby letter	Marya Rees	1
Excom	Stephen Marks	1
Disby letter	Elizabeth Smith	1
	Jeantha a sister of Cullar	1
	Jerusha Wade	1
	Robert Ellis	1
	Jean Marks	1
Dis	William Newman	1
	Hanilla a sister of Cullen	1
	Rachel Mc nees	1
Disby Letter	Velly Mc nees	1
Disby letter	William Taylor	1
Dis	Elizabeth gipson	1
	hatssey Davis	1
Dismist	Effe Fletcher	1
Dis	Hannah Newman	1
	Richard Fletcher	1
Dead	John Hail	1
	Salley Hail	1
Dead	Joseph Marks	1
	Lemuel Newman Dismist	1
Dead	Margit gvy	1
Dismist	Thomomas Springer	1
	Elizabeth davis	1
	Michel Coday	1
	Mehalah Rees	1
	gryza williams	1
	Rose a sister of Cullen	1
Dis	Elizabeth Coday	1
Dis	Elizabeth gearz ling	1
Dis	Rachel a sister of Cullen	1

Amphro a Brother of C. L. L. L.
George J. J.

Samuel Marks, Groom

Marshall Willis

Frederic Brown

Martha Bull

Joshua Hilmon

John Davis

Dismissed	Thomas a brother of Cullen -
to: 1812: by letter	Henry Harding and Sarah Harding
Dis -	Mahalley Lazenby -
Excom	Nancy Sharnbling October 25 - 1812
1810 Dismiss	David McCullars - in order
Dismiss	Mary Rickeson - in order
Dismiss	Martha Maulden - in order
Dismiss	Richard Green - in order
Dismiss	Patssey Davis; in order
Dismiss	Joseph Marks
Dismiss	Henry Harden
Dismiss	Sarah Harden
	Rebecca Sanders
Excom	John Harvill
Dismissed	Molly Brantly
Dismissed	John Wall
Dismissed	Dorcas Wall
Dismissed	Nancy Marks Excom
Excom	Adam Mace
Dead	Elizabeth Maglene

Number of members at the Union
Church Septm the 26 It being the
Time of the association ————— 1812 —
was — — — — — 64 —

Since that association — — — — —
Received by Letter partly Colored — 1
Dismissed partly Lazenby — — — 1
Excom Stephen Marks — — — — 1
Excom Nancy & Hambling — — — 1
Dismissed Jesse Davis — — — — 1
Excomend Nathaniel Thomson
Dismissed by letter ~~James~~ Samuel Newmark
Dismissed by letter Elizabeth Winsom
Exat Received by Letter John Hamvill
Received by Experience Rachel Jones Dead
Received by Experience Jacob Johnson
Received by Experience Martha Johnson
Dead John Hall
Dismissed Martha Mouldon
Received by Letter Sister Margaret Gibson

Number of members at the Union Church 1813
September the 25 it Being the time of the
association was ————— 62

Dead Joseph Marks
Dismissed Henry Gardner

Number of members at the union Church
1814 September the 17 it Being
The time of the association — 59

Dismiss Elizabeth Johnson by letter
Brother Stephen Johnson Excommunicated
Brother William Thompson Restored
Brother Harvill Excommunicated

Number of members at the union Church 1815
September the 23 it Being the time of the
association is — 50

Dead Sister gemimah Marks
Dead Elizabeth McCallars
Mary Marks dismiss by letter
Elizabeth Benson Received by letter
Dismiss by letter Rachel McNeis
Dismiss by letter Elizabeth Davis
Received by letter Menus Thigpen
Received by letter Sarah Thigpen
Dismiss by letter Hannah Newman
Dismiss by letter William Newman
Received by Experience Catharine Farr
Received by Experience Bisciah Armstrong
Received by letter Elizabeth Maglen
Received by letter Billington Sanders

Number of members at the union Church 1816
September 27 it Being the time of the association

Males

Humphreys

~~Jeffery~~ dead

ott's Adam dead

Jeffery. Exem

Adams

Females

Gibson's Fanny

Smith's Rose

Harden's Milly

Sanders, Cream

Bull's Caty

N. Williams Rachel

Joseph Smith, deacon.	1	Grace Hillman	24	Coloured
Michael Cody, deacon.	2	Priscilla Newman	25	Gibson's
John Davis. Dead	3	Sarah Marks	26	Gibson's Sarah
Larkina Hillman. Dead	4	Nancy Geesling	27	Smith's Rose
Sam'l Geesling,	5	Maria Lazenby	28	Harden's Miller
Guthridge Wry.	6	Elizabeth Wilson	29	Gibson's Fathy
Jacob Johnson. dead	7	Frances Hillman	30	Sander's Greasy
Hughes Russ. dead	8	Martha Haffing.	31	Bull's Caty
B. M. Sanders.	9	James Porter dismissed	N. W. Williams' Rep	
Benj. Geesling.	10	Cynthia Sanders	32	Martha Haffing Simon
Robert Fleming.	11	Nancy Luson	33	Roberts' Nelly
James Picketron	12	Hephzibah Picketron	34	Porter's Rebecca
Stephen Marks' Feb	13	Rhoda Marks	35	
Samuel Marks	14	Sarah O Luson	36	
<u>Females.</u>		Mrs Eastbury	37	

Phoebe Brown	1
Martha Bull	2
Rebecca Cody	3
Nathaniel Larr.	4
Mary Gibron	5
Margaret Gibron	6
Frances Hardin's	7
Martha Johnston.	8
Elizabeth Lazenby	9
Sarahannah Marks	10
Salomo McCarthia	11
Elizabeth Russ	12
Martha Rix dismissed	13
Nancy Richards	13
Christiana Smith	14
Lane Smith	15
Nancy Thompson	16
Mary Wilson dead	17
Louisa Hall	18
Polly Hillman	19

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Catalogue of the names of the members
Union Church, Warren County April 22nd 1821

Male Members

Jacob Smith
Richard Fletcher
A. P. Bacon. Dead
William Coram. Dead
Michael Gedy
John Davis Dead
Robert Ellis. Excom.
Joshua Hillman
Samuel Lheasting
Gutridge Jr
Jacob Johnson
Hugh Rees
B. M. Sanders.
Beverly Spizz ~~excommunicated~~
Nathaniel Thompson Dead
Proctor Willis. Excom.
Winder Hillman dead
John Wilson Co. dead
Robert Fleming
Sazarus Howel Excom.
Benjamin Lheasting
Martin Ausley ~~dismissed~~
~~Thompson~~
Wm. Cooper ~~dismissed~~
Isaac Cooper ~~dismissed~~

Female Members

Phoebe Brown
 Martha Bull
 Abigail Cady
 Sarah Davis - Dismissed
 Sarah Ellis Excom.
 Miss Fletcher Dismissed
 Fizziah Farr Dismissed
 Sarah Farr
 Mary Gibson
 Margaret Gibson
 Frances Harden
 Martha Johnson
 Elizabeth Jones dismissed 1825
 Elizabeth Lazenby
 Hannah Marks
 Sarah M. Carty
 Sophia Newberry Dismissed
 Elizabeth Rees
 Mahala Rees
 Anne Richards
 Christian Smith
 Jane Smith
 Mary Sanders Dismissed
 Nancy Thompson
 Mary Wilson
 Susanna Wade
 Mary Williams. dead Sept 1822
 Mary Hillman
 Sarah Ivory
 Mary Fuller
 Mary Fuller
 Sarah Ricketson
 Mary Hillman
 Margaret Mark dismissed

X Patsy Davis Dismissed
 Frances Hillman
 Martha Stapping

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Stephen Thompson

Golden Oriole
Hesperis B. 1874

Spd Samuel Smith

Pearson Toy

Henry Gustav
David Carter

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Coloured Members

Gibson's	Isaham
Williams	Simon

Hellman's
Smith's

Gibson's

Sanders
Bull's

Mr Roberts
Parke

Mr Bodys & Sons

Mr & Mrs Oliver
B. F. Bunker

dy little success

Heard Alice Joseph
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Female white

Mulley Moore
Elizabeth Thompson

Mary Perry
 Rhoda, Emma

Elizabeth Williams
Francis Coen Lion

Sacra Te Torrefaci

On a revision of the church book of the
 Union Church Warren County, on the 23rd
 of March 1820 by Jacob Smith, Nathaniel
 Thompson, William Goram, Hugh Rees & B. H.
 Sanders, appointed by the Church therefore the
 following appears to be a correct list of all
 the members now belonging to the Church.

Jacob Smith }
 Richard Fletcher } *lives*

~~Nathaniel Thompson~~ dead

Hugh Rees +

William Goram dead

Robert Ellis +

Michael Cody +

Yutridge Ivy +

Proctor Willis

Joshua Hillman + 10

John Davis +

Jacob Johnson +

~~John C. Brown~~ + dead

Beverly Spivy +

B. H. Sanders + 15

Persons of Color }

Nancy Thompson

Francis Harden

Sally Ellis

Mary Wilson

Elizabeth Lazenby - 20

Christian Smith

Elizabeth Rees

Jemima Wade

~~James~~ Smith

Polly Gibson

Effa Fletcher

~~Sally Davis~~ dismissed

Mahala Rees

Isabella Williams

Phoebe Brown - 30

Martha Bull

Rebecca Sanders = Wagoner

Elizabeth Farr

Rebecca Cody

Martha Johnson

Orthosine Farr

Names of Males

Samuel Gheats
Winder Hillman
John Wilson
Robert Fleming
Lazarus Bowels

Names of Females

*Diana Perkins
Nancy Richards
Mary Hillman
Sarah Sperry
Mary Fuller
Polly Fuller
Jane Rickertson
Grace Hillman
Margaret Marks
Priscilla Newman
Susan Marks

Persons of Color

Scott Adam
Winifred Jeffery

Church Dealings

In order - - -

1813 the Case between Mark Harding and Haie
was settled to the satisfaction of the Church

September 1812 the Case of Nancy [unclear]
was taken up and debated on a while and [unclear]
until Conference [unclear] and Sister Magitney was
appointed to fight Sister Nancy to attend the
Conference and answer for her self but Sister [unclear]
failed to Comply but wrote a Letter to the
Conference and sent it by the Sister [unclear]
and Much of the Letter was to justify her self
in her Conduct with which the Church
was agrieved by which she was Excommunicated

~~Conference April Saturday 1813~~

on Conference on Saturday before the forth Sunday
in April 1813 - a Charge against Stephen
Marks for suffering Spirits to be sold in his house
on the Sabbath day and for Not acknowledging
his Rong was Excommunicated

at March Conference 1811 the Case between
Brother Marks and Brother Coram was settled
to the Satisfaction of the Church

at Conference 9th March - 1813 on inquiry whether
Brother Mark Harding and wife shall have a Letter
of Dismission it answered in the negative

Met in Conference on Saturday before the forth Sunday
March 1813 Brother Thompson Reports a grievance between
himself and Brother the Harding the Church appointed a
Committee to settle the grievance Consisting of Brethren
to Viz. Samuel Robertson John wall Jacob Smith & Hiram
James with the Committee Reported Nothing settled

Conference May before
Sunday in May 1813 Conference being opened
No dealings Sister Patience applied for a letter
of Dis-mission which was granted

At Conference 26 June 1813.

- 1 A Letter was received from Brother Nathaniel Thomson in which, he stated several charges of an Infamous nature against brethren Hillman and H. Hardon and informed them Church that he was no longer of the Church, and that the Church was no longer accountable for his conduct. — He was accordingly expelled.
- 2 The following query was presented by brother H. Hardon (Viz) Would it be considered that a brother or sister would be in good order, or could they be held in fellowship, that lives with a single man or woman (as the case may be) and no other person about the house but themselves? — Answered in the negative.
- 3 Some consultation took place with respect to the propriety of having a decorum in the Church — Laid over.
- 4 Motion was made and agreed to, that each member come prepared to proceed to the choice of a

At Conference, May 1813

1. The motion for considering on the propriety of having a written Decorum in the Church, postponed to the next conference.

2. In obedience to a resolution of last Conference the Church proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, and brother William Corham was elected.

3. A letter was received from the Church at Big River Creek, stating that in consequence of various reports charging that Church with disorder, they requested such number of members as that Church may think proper to attend with them on Wednesday after the second Monday in August next for amicable conference. Whereupon the following brethren were appointed, viz. Michael Cooley, Isaac Smith, Hugh Reese, William Corham, Joseph Minkes and Richard [unclear].

4. Sister Elizabeth Newcom applied for a letter of dismission which was granted.

Met in Conference the 20 August

1. Received Brother John Harnish by letter

2. Appointed Brother Henry Hordin and Brother James Smith as missionaries to the [unclear] Station

3. Received Brother [unclear] by experience and [unclear] [unclear] and [unclear] [unclear]

Met in Conference September the 23rd

Sister

1 Received by Letter Margaret Gibson

2 Letter being Read & proved by the Conference
for the application

Met in Conference October the 22nd

1 The Case of a prelate Conference 1813

which said the above is illegal^{it} has been put
in with out the collage of the Church

Met in Conference November the 26th

1 Brother Harmony Hardin applied for
a Letter of dismission for him and his wife
was granted

Met in Conference December the 25th
and nothing done

Met in Conference January the 22nd 1814
and nothing done

Met in Conference February the 25th

Met in Conference March the 26th

Met in Conference April the 23rd

Met in Conference May the 20th

Met in Conference June the 25th

Met in Conference July the 23rd

Met in Conference August the 26th

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1. Brethren had copy of sermon with a printed message to the association

2. Received By Express from Mrs. Rebecca Sanders
September 18th

2. Misses By Experience
Met in Conference September the 17
3. June of October the 22

Met in Conference October the 22^d
November the

Met in Conference
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She on 6-14-41
of the deperately betwixt sister mark and Brother
Smith a Boat Refusing to let her Out fire
wood when she comes she had a right

2 Brother Smith has Retracted and has given
her Leaf to be set fire to

Met in Conference 24 December

Effect in Conference the 21st January 1875

Met in conference the 25 February

2 The Church has taken up the ~~case~~ ^{Dr} ~~of~~ Brother Stephen John about settling
of meal

3 Sister Johnson petition for a letter was granted

1 Met in Conference the 25 of March

I took up the case of Brother Stephen Johnson.

3. and each communicated him

He took up the application of friend Thomson which was made the meeting before but was objected by Sister Marks and again objected by Brother Smith and Brother Ellis

4 the difficulties being removed Brother Johnson recd
in fellowship

Met in conference to prize the 22

John P. ...

Met in Conference June the 24

Took up the case of Brother Harvill and
Excommunicated him

Met in Conference July the 22

Met in Conference August the 25

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Met in Conference September the 23

Met in Conference October the 21

Met in Conference November the 23

Met in Conference December 24

Met in Conference the 27 January 1886

1 Sister Rachel Wines applied for a letter of dismission
and was granted ~~for her and her daughter~~

2 Sisters Schumler / Sepeloff a letter of dismission
and objected by the ~~son of her~~ improper
conduct

Met in Conference 23 February

1 Sister Elizabeth Davis made application
for a letter of dismission and was granted

Met in Conference March 23

Met in Conference April 27

1 Received by letter Melus Shippen and
Sarah Shippen his wife

2 Sister Hannah Newman applied for a letter of
dismission for her and her

Met in conference the 22 March 1817
on Motion made & seconded

That the appointment of three Trustees the last
Conference be Expunged from the Minutes
on Motion & seconded

that there be five Trustees appointed and
by ballot

The church proceeded to ballot, and counting
over the votes that were taken the following
persons were Elected

Michael Coby -
William Coram
Bellingham Sanders
Nathaniel Thompson
Robert Walton

Trustees

Met in Conference April the 26

Received by letter Sister Sarah Jones Received by letter
~~Received by letter~~
Brother Adam Wall

Met in Conference May the 23

Met in Conference June the 21

Received by Experience John B Bacon

Met in Conference July 26

Met in Conference August the 23
preceeded to the 24

Met in Conference September the 27

Met in Conference October the 26

Met in Conference November the 24

Brother Jacob Smith undertakes to keep the Melan-
chton in order for one year for the price fifteen Dollars he
keeps it swept and to have it sewed twice
in the year

Met in Conference December the 24

Met in Conference March 21 1818

~~Read by Sister Rebecca Cody~~

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Met in Conference April the 25

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Read by Eperrone Gaskarah toward read by Sister
Sarah Seward

Met in Conference May 22

On motion, It was resolved that in future
at the commencement of every church con-
ference, the proceedings of the last prece-
ding conference shall be read by the clerk

Met in Conference 27 June

Met in Conference August 21

On motion that Brother Adam wall shall
be tied to com to our next meeting to the
house of the

Met in conference September 26

Presided by Sister Brother Mary
The of adam wall Be Excommunicated
meeting

Met in conference October 24

Presided by the Experience Sister Nancy Marks
Excommunication Brother Adam wall

Met in conference November 21

Sister Elegeth Evenson made application
for a letter and it was granted Brother

Jasarah Toward made application for a letter
of dismission and it was granted for him and his
Wife — On motion Resolved that it shall
be the duty of the clerk at each conference
meeting to note all absent male members
and call on them for their excuse at the
next conference meeting.

Met in conference December 26

Sister Thursa Dreckworth applied for a letter
of dismission and it was granted

Enid Farr

Robert Ellis

Jacobs Johnson

Met in conference 28 January 1889

Enid Farr

Robert Ellis

Jacobs Johnson

absent

Met in Conference Feb 26 February

Br Farn abstain

Br Sperry

Met in Conference March 27

Met in Conference April 24

Decided by Experience Brother a Brother of Callan
on the subject that Br Johnson shall take Br Farn
to our next meeting to show & say if any
for his non attendance

Met in Conference May 21

Decided by Experience Brother gutridge say

Excom Brother Small Farn for his non attendance

Met in Conference June 26

Br Thompson abstain

Met in Conference July 25

Br Bacon is appointed to go and converse with sister
Mary Marks and show the reason for her
leaving this Church and joining another

Met in Conference August 20

Excom Sister Mary Marks for joining

The Methodist Church by Experience Brother

Minister No Willis moved by Letter Sister

Frebe Brown

Met in Conference September 25

Met in Conference October 23

Met in Conference November 26

The question of the

Met in Conference December 23

Met in Conference January 22 1820

Received by ~~conference~~ ^{Letter} Brother Joshua
Hilman the question that Brother She-
pith forth is ~~is~~ taken up and is put by Test

Met in Conference February 25

Received by Letter Brother John Sanders

On motion resolved that Brothers Russ-
Thompson, Coram & Sanders be appointed
committee to revise the Church book and
make out a correct Catalogue of the na-
of the members belonging to the Church.

March 25th Met in conference - Received by
experience Sister Lydia Newberry - Received
by a letter from Big Briar creek Church
Brother Samuel Gheasling - Received
by a relation of an experience of grace
Sister Nancy Richards - Brother Coram
having resigned the Clerkship - Brother Sanders
was elected Clerk in his stead.

April 22nd 1820. Church met in conference. Moved
by Brother McMath that the article relative to the

members & be suspended & received again, & it
was agreed to by the conference. B. M. Sanders Clerk

May 26th 1820. Met in Conference, Received by a
relation of expense of Groom Sisters Mary Holt
man and Sister Sarah Ivy - Received by

Letter from Big Briar Creek Church Sisters
Mary Fuller, Polly Fuller, & Jane Ricketson.

Received of Brother J. Mercer a communication
stating the proceedings of the Board of Missions
appointed by the Georgia Association as a Missions
Society which was read to the church. Moved &
seconded, that the subject of Feet Washing be
into the consideration of the Church and they being
be delivered to the church at our next meeting.

May 27th Received by letter from Ebenezer church
Jeffery a black brother belonging to Thos Johnson.
B. M. Sanders Clerk

24th June Met in Conference, Received by letter
from Sweetwater Church - Brother Windsor Hillman
and Sister Gracy Hillman - Read the minutes of
last Conference - took up the subject of feet washing
which being put to the vote of the church, "whether they
considered it to be a public ordinance or not."
Unanimously decided in the affirmative.

August 24th 1821. Church met in conference. read
the minutes of our last meeting. Received by experience
Lazarus Howell, read the minutes of last conference.
Appointed Mr. Winder Hillman and Mr. Sanders mem-
bers to the ensuing association and Mr. Cody to supply
the place of either that shall fail.

On motion it was resolved that our pastor pre-
ach a sermon in favor the cause of missions on the
Sabbath of our next monthly meeting and a col-
lection be taken up from the congregation —
and that the Church make up their contribution
for missions at our next conference.

Signed by order of the Conference. B. M. Sanders

August 25th Church convened in conference and
had no business presenting itself for consideration ad-
journed.

B. M. Sanders

Male members not belonging to the Church	—	47
Female members	—	34
Members of Colour	—	7
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